

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD



Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church
Peachtree City, Georgia
January 12, 2025
8:30 & 11:00 A.M.

Fritz Wiese, Senior Pastor Rev. Dr. William Flippin, Jr., Preacher
Larry Peterson, Director of Worship and Music

☐ = Pastor ☒ = Lector [reader] ☑ = Congregation *ELW=Evangelical Lutheran Worship (red hymnal)*
↑ Please stand as you are able.

*The prelude is the beginning of the worship service and is a time to prepare our hearts and minds for worship.
Please be respectful of the worshippers around you who are using this time for that purpose.*

PRELUDE

Welcome to worship! Today's worship includes the sacrament of communion. Communion is offered by intinction. You may receive a wafer and dip it in the chalice with wine or white grape juice. Or you may take a pre-packaged kit with grape juice and a gluten-free wafer from the center communion server. Please tell an usher if you need communion brought to you where you sit.

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

↑ EXCHANGING THE PEACE

☐ The peace of the Lord be with you always

☑ **And also with you.**

We share a sign of God's peace.

↑ GATHERING HYMN: *Songs of Thankfulness and Praise*

ELW Hymn 310

**1 Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise;
manifest by the star to the sages from afar,
branch of royal David's stem in thy birth at Bethlehem:
anthems be to thee addressed, God in flesh made manifest.**

**2 Manifest at Jordan's stream, prophet, priest, and king supreme;
and at Cana wedding guest in thy Godhead manifest;
manifest in pow'r divine, changing water into wine;
anthems be to thee addressed, God in flesh made manifest.**

**3 Manifest in making whole weakened body, fainting soul;
manifest in valiant fight, quelling all the devil's might;
manifest in gracious will, ever bringing good from ill:
anthems be to thee addressed, God in flesh made manifest.**

**4 Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, present in thy holy word;
grace to imitate thee now and be pure, as pure art thou;
that we might become like thee at thy great epiphany,
and may praise thee, ever blest, God in flesh made manifest.**

↑ GREETING

☞ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

☛ **And also with you.**

↑ PRAYER OF THE DAY

☞ Let us pray. Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

☛ **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Isaiah 43:1-7

see insert

SECOND READING: Acts 8:14-17

see insert

↑ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Listen to the Word*

ACS Hymn 974

**Listen to the word that God has spoken; listen to the One who is close at hand;
listen to the voice that began creation; listen even if you don't understand.**

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↑ GOSPEL: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

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SERMON

Rev. Dr. William Flippin, Jr.

↑ HYMN OF THE DAY: *Wade in the Water*

ELW Hymn 459

**Refrain-Wade in the water, wade in the water, children,
wade in the water, God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.**

**1 See that host all dressed in white, God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.
the leader looks like the Israelite. God's a-goin'-a trouble the water. Refrain**

**2 See that band all dressed in red, God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.
looks like the band that Moses led. God's a-goin'-a trouble the water. Refrain**

**3 Look over yonder, what do I see? God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.
the Holy Ghost a-coming on me. God's a-goin'-a trouble the water. Refrain**

**4 If you don't believe I've been redeemed, God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.
just follow me down to Jordan's stream. God's a-goin'-a trouble the water. Refrain**

Text: African American spiritual

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↑ 8:30-OUR PROFESSION OF FAITH: THE APOSTLES' CREED

☞ Let us confess our baptismal faith together.

☛ **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

11:00-SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Daphne Pope Robinson

☛ **We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share:
join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word
to all the world.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

When the petition concludes “God of grace,” please respond, “Hear our prayer.”

The prayers are ended with these words, “We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.” Please respond, “Amen.”

INVITATION TO OFFERING

We acknowledge that you may have already offered your gifts electronically or by mail. Thank you.

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MUSICAL OFFERING (11:00) *Washed Anew, Thomas Keeseker*

Sanctuary Choir

↑ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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| <p>☐ The Lord be with you.</p> <p>☐ Lift up your hearts.</p> <p>☐ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.</p> <p>☐ It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:</p> <p>☑ Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.
 Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.</p> | <p>☑ And also with you.</p> <p>☑ We lift them to the Lord.</p> <p>☑ It is right to give our thanks and praise.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>—ELW S200</i></p> |
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↑ WORDS OF INSTITUTION

↑ THE LORD’S PRAYER

- ☑ **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Please approach the altar using the diagonal aisles and return by the side or middle aisles.

You will be offered a wafer, which you may dip in either the chalice of wine or the white grape juice.

You may also choose a packaged cup with wine or grape juice, or a gluten-free wafer with wine.

COMMUNION HYMN: *Lamb of God*

ELW S201

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.**

COMMUNION HYMN: *Baptized and Set Free*

ELW Hymn 453

- 1 **We are people created, chosen by God.
Then we're washed, ever gently, in mercy and love.
Sin has power no more. Jesus opened the door
to a fountain bringing healing, and wholeness and more.**
- 2 **We are fed and we're nourished, filled and refreshed.
Then our hunger returns and again we are blessed.
For whatever the need, God is greater indeed:
endless ocean, always deeper than all of our need.**
- 3 **We are nourished by water, all living things,
and by life that the Spirit abundantly brings.
As we journey toward home, may your presence be known:
precious river, ever-flowing, now carry us home.**

Hymn continues on next page.

- 4 Now with praise and thanksgiving, we join the song.
All are welcome! We gather to sing loud and strong.
Not enslaved, but set free! From now on, all will be
one in Jesus, one in water, baptized and set free!**

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↑ PASTORAL BLESSING and BENEDICTION

- ☞ The Spirit of the triune God ✝ bless you with joy,
anoint you with compassion, and send you in love.
- ☞ Amen.

↑ SENDING HYMN: *We Know That Christ Is Raised*

ELW Hymn 449

- 1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
Embraced by death, he broke its fearful hold,
and our despair he turned to blazing joy.
Hallelujah!**
- 2 We share by water in his saving death.
Reborn, we share with him an Easter life,
as living members of our Savior Christ.
Hallelujah!**
- 3 The Father's splendor clothes the Son with life.
The Spirit's fission shakes the church of God.
Baptized, we live with God the Three in One.
Hallelujah!**
- 4 A new creation comes to life and grows
as Christ's new body takes on flesh and blood.
The universe restored and whole will sing:
Hallelujah!**

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↑ SENDING

- ☞ Go in peace. The Word of God dwells in you richly.
Invite all to join in connecting to Jesus' pathway of joy and life.
- ☞ Thanks be to God.

↑ POSTLUDE

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Altar Guild: Carol Talbott

Lector: (8:30) Linda Barkoot

(11:00) Carol Jensen-Linton

Tech crew: (8:30) Davida Kilgore, Dakota Atkins

(11:00) Joni Siepert, Tom Smith, Brad Milburn

Usher: (8:30) Stephen Gundersen, John Musil

(11:00) Mike & Pat Oliver

Altar flowers given by Laura & Kevin Hawkins in honor of Kevin's birthday.

THE LESSONS

Sunday, January 12

FIRST READING: Isaiah 43:1-7

The first reading is from Isaiah , the 43rd chapter.

- ¹ But now thus says the LORD,
he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.
- ² When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.
- ³ For I am the LORD your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.
I give Egypt as your ransom,
Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.
- ⁴ Because you are precious in my sight,
and honored, and I love you,
I give people in return for you,
nations in exchange for your life.
- ⁵ Do not fear, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you;
- ⁶ I will say to the north, "Give them up,"
and to the south, "Do not withhold;
bring my sons from far away
and my daughters from the end of the earth—
- ⁷ everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made."

☒ The Word of the Lord.

☑ Thanks be to God

SECOND READING: Acts 8:14-17

The second reading is from Acts, the 8th chapter.

- ¹⁴ Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. ¹⁵ The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit ¹⁶ (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). ¹⁷ Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

☒ The Word of the Lord.

☑ Thanks be to God

(Gospel on the back.)

GOSPEL: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 3rd chapter. **C** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹⁵ As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶ John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

²¹ Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²² and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

P The Gospel of the Lord. **C** **Praise to you, O Christ.**